

## Message Text

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TAGS: PFOR US UG NI OAU

SUBJECT: GEN GOWON RESPONDS TO AMIN MESSAGES ON PEACE CORPS  
DETENTION

1. ACTING NIGERIAN HICOM FAFOWORA CALLED ON PRES AMIN JULY 31  
TO DELIVER MESSAGE FROM OAU CHAIRMAN GOWON IN REPLY TO ONES  
SENT BY AMIN LAST MONTH ON DETENTION OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.

2. MESSAGE READS: QUOTE

THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR YOUR TELEGRAMS OF EIGHTH AND  
NINTH JULY, 1973, CONCERNING THE DETENTION AND SUBSEQUENT  
RELEASE OF A GROUP OF 110 AMERICANS DESCRIBED AS PEACE CORPS  
VOLUNTEERS IN TRANSIT THROUGH YOUR GREAT COUNTRY TO SERVE IN  
THE SISTER STATE OF ZAIRE.

I AM HAPPY THAT YOU WERE FULLY SATISFIED ABOUT THEIR  
IDENTITIES, MISSION AND DESTINATION BEFORE THEY WERE ALLOWED  
TO PROCEED PEACEFULLY ON THEIR JOURNEY.

HAVING REGARD TO THE HISTORY AND EXPERIENCE OF AFRICA IN  
THE HANDS OF THE IMPERIALISTS, WE CANNOT BE OVER-CAUTIOUS  
ABOUT THE ISSUES OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA.

ALL IS THEREFORE WELL THAT ENDS WELL. PLEASE ACCEPT, MR.  
PRESIDENT AND DEAR BROTHER, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST  
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CONSIDERATION AND FRATERNAL REGARD. UNQUOTE

3. IN HIS REMARKS TO FAFOWORA, PRES AMIN CALLED FOR UNITY IN  
AFRICA AND LIBERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND GUINEA BISSAU,  
AND APPEALED TO OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS TO SUPPORT GEN GOWON  
IN HIS OAU TASKS.  
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